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**Addendum #1**

**LOI #: Continuous Recruitment # CR-3**

**Title: Recruitment and Training of Foster Care families – DCYF**

**Submission Deadline: Continuous Recruitment**

- Nineteen questions / responses discussed at the pre-proposal conference are posted for review.
- No further questions shall be entertained.

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Questions From the Bidders' Conference – June 10, 2003

**1. *an organizations other than non-profit apply?***

Yes. It doesn't matter whether an agency is a profit making or non-profit one. We are going first to those agencies we work with already. Innovative approaches are welcome.

**2. *On what basis will applicants for List One only be evaluated?***

Applicants will have a total of 80 points available and must obtain a score of 56 (which is 70%) to be included on the Provider List.

**3. *If an agency is applying for more than one list, must they submit a separate proposal for each list?***

Applicants may apply for more than one provider list. Applicants may submit one overall proposal but need to submit a separate cost / budget proposal for each list.

**4. *What type of documentation is needed for sub-contractors or partnerships?***

Letters of commitment from subcontractors or partners will be required. Agencies can subcontract or partner with more than one entity.

**5. *Do agencies have to form networks or partnerships in order to qualify for funding?***

See evaluation criteria. No, applicants do not have to partner but it may enhance their offer.

**6. *Will DCYF restructure any network that is proposed?***

Yes; DCYF may bring in two groups to form one entity and will / may restructure if it is deemed appropriate.

**7. *On List one, does the agency devise the training and homestudy formats or do they use DCYF training and home study procedures?***

Agencies can devise their own training and homestudies as long as they comply with DCYF guidelines and are approved in advance.

**8. *For Transitional Homes – List Three, must the assessment be done by a MSW level practitioner only? Is MSW the “Catchword” or gold standard?***

No, MSW or related field will be accepted.

**9. *Is ninety (90) days the maximum stay in Transitional Homes? Is the ninety days carved in stone?***

The agency may have the capacity to change the status of the foster home so that the youth remains in the home as the home progresses from emergency to transitional to long term. (The goal is to move youth along and reunite them if possible.)

**10. *Are these youth brand new kids into the system? Please describe the population.***

This is a challenging population of youth. These are adolescents who are already in the system; not new. It is expected that these may be adolescents who are presently residing in shelters who can move into carefully managed and supported foster homes, thus freeing up shelter beds for new youth in need of placement.

***11. Are these youth “therapeutic foster care” youth?***

Some will be. These are “high end” adolescents who exhibit challenging behaviors such as significant oppositional and defiant behaviors, anti-social, and may currently be on night to night placements.

***12. The proposal calls for 24/7 Intake capability in foster homes. What is the likelihood of getting a call at midnight for an intake?***

For the Emergency Homes, it is likely. For Assessment Homes, it would be unlikely.

***13. Matching Process – How will matching of foster children with foster homes be done?***

For Emergency and Assessment homes, it will be the provider agency’s responsibility to do the matching within their network of foster homes.

***14. Can an agency reapply if they are not qualified during the first application?***

Yes, if an agency misses the first cut for qualification, they can reapply a month later as part of the continuous recruitment.

***15. How strict is the requirement that applicants for Lists 2 and 3 have three years of experience in the provision of foster care services?***

It is flexible. Agencies who have operated in Rhode Island continuously for a period of three (3) years with experience in the provision of residential services may qualify.

***16. Is there a predetermined rate of reimbursement for Lists 2 & 3?***

No, these will be negotiated rates. It is expected that foster families will receive \$50 per day stipends.

***17. With the 24/7 intake, how will the timely receipt of information regarding the child be assured? Is there a DCYF process to expedite the delivery of information to the agencies?***

Usually DCYF does know enough about the child to give the agencies correct information in a timely manner.

***18. Are the rates negotiable? Do the rates change with placement type – 30 days vs. 90 days or individual youth?***

Yes. The rates are negotiable both per type of service and per type of youth in order to provide personalized, individualized services. The same child may remain in the same foster home and move through the 30 and 90 day service types as we try to return them home.

***19. Will teens be moving out of residential programs into foster homes thus freeing up beds? Is that the stream?***

Yes, we need legitimate placement options for youth and this is one mechanism for obtaining them.